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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

David J. Balaban et al.

Application No.: 09/~~386,867~~ **836,867**

Filed: April 16, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROVIDING A BIOINFORMATICS  
DATABASE

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 12 and 13.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 9 and 11 as shown below. A marked-up version of the changes to the claims is attached to this Amendment.

1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing information relating to processing of polymer probe arrays, said method comprising the steps of:

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